THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

W.P.No. 15430 of 2007

Dated:19-07-2007

Between:-

C. Bhargav

..Petitioner

And

The Registrar, Dr. N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, Krishna district and another.

..Respondents.

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O R A L O R D E R:

In this writ petition, the petitioner seeks a declaration by way of writ of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not accepting the application submitted by him on 13-07-2007 for the purpose of counseling to seek admission into M.B.B.S Course for the academic year 2007-08.

The petitioner appeared the EAMCET for Medicine for the academic year 2007-08 and secured the rank of 18534. Based on the said rank, when he wanted to submit his application through online mode to the respondents for the purpose admission into M.B.B.S. course, it is not accepted on the ground that the petitioner has not completed 17 years of age. Even according to the petitioner, his date of birth, as per the entries in the school records, is 07-07-1991. The admissions to M.B.B.S., course are regulated by the statutory rules framed under the A.P. Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Prohibition of Capitation Fees) Act, 1983 (for short 'the Act') and as per the said Rules, the candidate should be more than 17 years of age as on 31st December of the relevant year in which year admission is sought.

In this case, admittedly the petitioner is under-aged as on the date of

application for admission into M.B.B.S course. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner has participated in the sports competition at national level and got some awards. Participation in the sports competition at national level is not a ground for the purpose of granting directions as prayed for in this writ petition.

It is stated by the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents that the age restriction is imposed in view of the regulations and instructions issued from the Medical Council of India.

Inasmuch as the petitioner is not having qualification in respect of age, he is not entitled for any direction as prayed for in the writ petition. The writ petition is devoid of merits.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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R. SUBHASH REDDY, J

Dated: 19-07-2007.
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